

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 4-7, 11-12 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejection, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejection - Smith

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4-7, 11-12, 17-20 and 29-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,785,015 issued to Smith.

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejection, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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